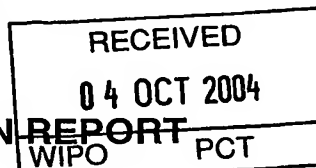


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT



(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☐ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17):*

Description, Pages

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-8 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☒ the entire international application,

☐ claims Nos.

because:

☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 1-8 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos.

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the Standard.

☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the Standard.

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because independent claims 1 and 4 are not clear. Reasons are given in the following.

1.1 Claim 1: The expressions "bias control signal" and "an input of both the driver and output stage" which are present in claim 1 are ambiguous and unclear because it is not defined which bias and input have to be considered. Finally the expression "feeding the bias reduction signal to an input of the driver stage" is obscure and does not enable the skilled person to implement such a feature.

1.2 Claim 4: The expression "bias reduction means" which is present in claim 4 is not clear because it is not understood what is the purpose and the object of said "reduction". However the description (see page 8, line 31 to page 9, line 15 of the application) as well as claim 1 convey the impression that the following additional features are necessary to clarify said unclear expression above:

- a) a power amplifier comprising a driver stage and an output stage;
- b) said external control loop comprising:

detection means for detecting a first electrical parameter at an output of said output stage;

a first reference signal generator for producing a first reference signal;

biasing means for receiving said first reference signal and for feeding a controlled bias signal to a bias input of both the driver and the output stages in response to said detected first electrical parameter and said first reference signal;

Furthermore, the purpose of said "bias reduction means" is missing the following additional feature (support can be found in the description, page 7, lines 26-34):

- c) bias reduction means for receiving said second reference signal and for feeding a bias signal to said bias input of said driver stage, in response to said detected second electrical parameter and said second reference signal in order to reduce said controlled bias signal. Since claim 4 does not contain the features above, it does not meet the requirement following from Article 6 PCT taken in combination with Rule 6 PCT that any independent claim must contain all the technical features essential to the definition of the invention.

2. Claims 2-3 and 5-8 are respectively dependent on claim 1 and claim 4. Therefore their subject matter is also lacking Article 6 PCT and no examination with respect to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability has been made.